

A LEGISLATOR'S GUIDE TO STATE HISTORIC SITES



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OVERVIEW

This guide was produced primarily as a tool for Members of the Joint Appropriations Committee on General Government for use in their budget deliberations. It should be useful to all legislators interested in learning more details about North Carolina historic sites.

The Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, is responsible for the 25 state facilities featured in this report. Only the Stagville Preservation Center in Durham County is under the direct guidance of the Director of Archives and History, Dr. Bill Price. The 22 historic sites, from Alamance Battleground to the Wolfe Memorial, are budgeted under the Historic Sites Section directed by Mr. James McPherson. Ms. Kay Williams is the Administrator of the Tryon Palace Restoration Complex in New Bern and Mr. Samuel Townsend oversees the State Capitol Building.

Table 1 is a quick reference guide to services, facilities, and programs available at each site. Table 2 is a summary of budget and visitation data for each site. Table 2 reports the average attendance at a historic site in 1987 was 35,472 and that the average site operates in FY 87-88 with 4 staff and a budget of \$132,669. 986,771 persons visited the state's historic places in 1987.

The text contains a fact sheet on each historic site or historic place in North Carolina. The information on each site's historical significance, facilities, acreage and services was prepared with the cooperation of the Division of Archives and History. The information provided in these pages is current as of April/May 1988. Further details on a specific site can be obtained from the site manager or administrator (see Table 1 for phone numbers).

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TABLE I

		Special Events										
State Historic Sites	Phone	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Grounds/ Trails	Picnic Area	Guided Tours	Battleground Reenactments	Christmas Events	Living History Program	Outdoor Drama	Annual Celebration	Fee
Alamance Battleground	(919)227-4785	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Aycock Birthplace	(919)242-5581	•	•	•	•		•	•		•		
Historic Bath	(919)923-3971	•	•	•	•		•	•				•
Bennett Place	(919)383-4345	•	•	•	•		•	•		•		
Bentonville Battleground	(919)594-0789	•	•	•	•	•		•		•		
Brunswick Town	(919)371-6613	•	•	•			•	•				
Caswell-Neuse	(919)522-2091	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Charlotte Hawkins Brown	(919)449-4846	•	•	•			•	•				
Duke Homestead	(919)477-5498	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Elizabeth II	(919)473-1144	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Fort Dobbs	(704)873-5866	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Fort Fisher	(919)458-5538	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Historic Halifax	(919)583-7191	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			
House in the Horseshoe	(919)947-2051	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Iredell House	(919)482-2637	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Polk Memorial	(704)889-7145	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Reed Gold Mine	(704)786-8337	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Somerset Place	(919)797-4560	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Spencer Shops	(704-636-2889	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Town Creek Indian Mound	(919)439-6802	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Vance Birthplace	(704)645-6706	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Wolfe Memorial	(704)253-8304	•	•		•		•	•				•
Other Historic Places												
Stagville Preservation Center	(919)477-9835	•					•					
State Capitol	(919)733-4994	•	•		•		•			•		
Tryon Palace	(919)638-5109	•	•		•		•	•		•		•
All sites closed Monday — Nov.1 to March 31												

TABLE II

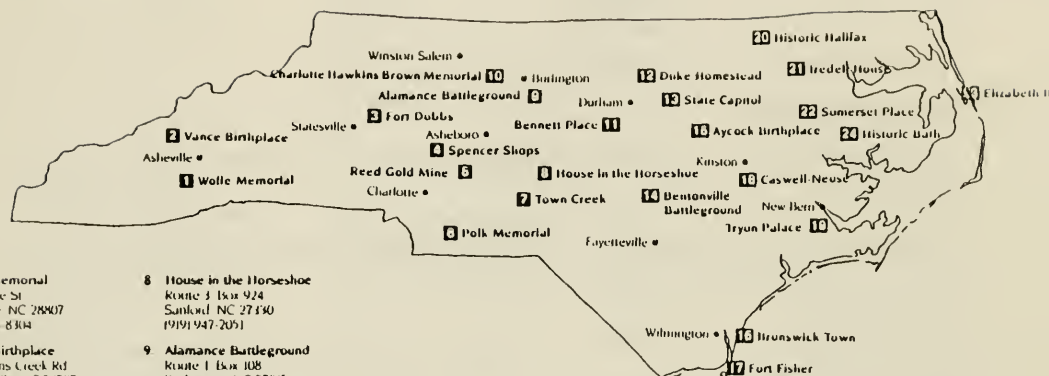
Site	1987-88 Budget	Permanent Staff	1987 Visitation
Alamance Battleground	\$55,446	2	14,374
Aycock Birthplace	117,316	4	17,681
Historic Bath	131,827	5	26,356
Bennett Place	104,946	4	26,334
Bentonville Battleground	111,214	3	27,999
Brunswick Town	124,949	4	56,612
Caswell-Neuse	121,596	4	14,285
Charlotte Hawkins Brown	248,339	3	1,164
Duke Homestead	132,028	5	28,139
Elizabeth II	354,749	6	72,797
Fort Dobbs	50,679	2	8,035
Fort Fisher	137,081	4	178,669
Historic Halifax	150,990	6	23,879
House in the Horseshoe	73,491	3	19,293
Iredell House	89,078	3	25,292
Polk Memorial	105,278	4	25,280
Reed Gold Mine	180,141	6	76,015
Somerset Place	70,479	2	11,193
Spencer Shops	162,666	4	44,428
Town Creek Indian Mound	179,819	5	34,347
Vance Birthplace	111,859	3	27,086
Thomas Wolfe Memorial	<u>104,760</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>21,128</u>
Total Historic Sites	\$2,918,731	86	780,386
Other Historic Places:			
Stagville Preservation Center	144,922	2	--
State Capitol	284,163	10	132,184
Tryon Palace	<u>1,326,696</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>74,201</u>
Total Historic Facilities	\$4,674,512	134	986,771

Historic Sites Only:

Average 1987-88 Budget	=	\$132,669	
Average Number of Staff	=	4	
Average Visitation in 1987	=	35,472	(midpt. = 25,813)

NORTH CAROLINA

HISTORIC SITES



1 Wolfe Memorial
485 Spruce St.
Asheville, NC 28807
(704) 253-8304

2 Vance Birthplace
911 Reems Creek Rd.
Weaverly, NC 28787
(704) 645-6706

3 Fort Dobbs
Route 9, Box A 415
Statesville, NC 28677
(704) 871-5866

4 Spencer Shops
Box 165
Spencer, NC 28159
(704) 636-2889

5 Reed Gold Mine
Route 2, Box 101
Stanfield, NC 28163
(704) 786-8337

6 Polk Memorial
Box 475
Pineville, NC 28134
(704) 889-7145

7 Town Creek Indian Mound
Route 3, Box 50
Mt. Gilkard, NC 27806
(919) 439-6202

8 House in the Horseshoe
Route 3, Box 924
Sunkof, NC 27340
(919) 947-2051

9 Alamance Battleground
Route 1, Box 108
Burlington, NC 27215
(919) 227-4785

10 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial
Saxdala, NC 27342
(919) 733-7862

11 Bennett Place
4409 Bennett Memorial Rd.
Durham, NC 27705
(919) 383-4345

12 Duke Homestead
2828 Duke Homestead Rd.
Durham, NC 27715
(919) 477-5498

13 State Capitol
Expt. Cultural Resources
Raleigh, NC 27611
(919) 733-4944

14 Bentonville Battleground
Box 27
Newton Grove, NC 28366
(919) 594-0789

15 Aycock Birthplace
Box 207
Fremont, NC 27831
(919) 242-5581

16 Brunswick Town
Route 1, Box 55
Wilmington, NC 28479
(919) 371-6633

17 Fort Fisher
Box 68
Kure Beach, NC 28419
(919) 458-5538

18 Caswell Neuse
Box 3041
Kinston, NC 28501
(919) 522-2091

19 Tryon Palace
613 Pollock St.
New Bern, NC 28561
(919) 638-5187

20 Historic Halifax
Box 406
Halifax, NC 27839
(919) 583-7191

21 Iredell House
105 E. Church Street
Box 474
Edenton, NC 27932
(919) 482-2637

22 Somerset Place
Box 215
Creswell, NC 27928
(919) 797-4564

23 Elizabeth II
Box 155
Manteo, NC 27954
(919) 473-1144

24 Historic Bath
Box 148
Bath, NC 27808
(919) 923-3971

Standard Operating Hours at Sites

April 1-October 31

9-5 Monday-Saturday

1-5 Sunday

November 1-March 31

10-4 Tuesday-Saturday

1-4 Sunday

Closed Monday, Thanksgiving and
December 24-26

Hours vary slightly for Elizabeth II, Iredell
House, State Capitol, and Tryon Palace

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND

LOCATION: 6 miles south of Burlington on N.C. 62

COUNTY: Alamance

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Site of armed rebellion of back country farmers, called "Regulators", against Royal Governor William Tryon's militia in 1771.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Battlefield
Monuments
Allen House

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic area, guided tours, weapons demonstrations

ACREAGE: 40

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1955 (officially dedicated on May 16, 1961)

1987 VISITATION: 14,374

1987-88 BUDGET: \$55,446

PERMANENT STAFF: 2

ADMISSION: Free

AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE

LOCATION: 9 miles north of Goldsboro on U.S. 117 and S.R. 1542

COUNTY: Wayne

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Birthplace of Governor Charles B. Aycock (1859-1912)

HISTORIC FEATURES: Birthplace
Kitchen
Smokehouses (2)
Barn
Corn Crib
Schoolhouse
Privy

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, Audiovisual Program (TV program located in schoolhouse)

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Supply Depot, Maintenance Garage

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, guided tours, farm life demonstrations

ACREAGE: 10

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1958

1987 VISITATION: 17,681

1987-88 BUDGET: \$117,316

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: Free

HISTORIC BATH

LOCATION: In town of Bath, 14 miles east of Washington on N.C. 92

COUNTY: Beaufort

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: First incorporated town in State (1705)

HISTORIC FEATURES: Palmer-Marsh House and Smokehouse
Bonner House with Kitchen and Privy
Van DerVeer House (with exhibits)
Fisherman's Cabin
Rental House
Old Visitor Center

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits
Audiovisual Program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Storage Building, Maintenance Building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, boat dock, guided tours

ACREAGE: 19

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1963

1987 VISITATION: 26,356

1987-88 BUDGET: \$131,827

PERMANENT STAFF: 5

ADMISSION: \$1.00 Adult; \$.50 child

BENNETT PLACE

LOCATION: Off U.S. 70 West on Neal Road

COUNTY: Durham

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The last major army of the Confederacy, commanded by General Joseph Johnston, surrendered here on April 26, 1865 to General William T. Sherman.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Bennett House (original burned in 1921; similar age house moved to the site and restored)
Kitchen
Smokehouse
Monuments

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, Audiovisual Program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Manager's residence
Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Bandstand, Picnic tables, guided tours, weapon demonstrations

ACREAGE: 37

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1955

1987 VISITATION: 26,334

1987-88 BUDGET: \$104,946

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: Free

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND

LOCATION: 3 miles north of Newton Grove on SR 1008 (off U.S. 701)

COUNTY: Johnston

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Site of the Battle of Bentonville on March 19–21, 1865, the last full scale action of the Civil War in which the Confederate Army was able to mount a major offensive attack

HISTORIC FEATURES: Trenches
Monuments
Harper House
Kitchen
Slavehouse
Confederate gravesites

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, history trail, tennis courts, guided tours, weapon demonstrations

ACREAGE: 84

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1955

1987 VISITATION: 27,999

1987–88 BUDGET: \$111,214

PERMANENT STAFF: 3

ADMISSION: Free

BRUNSWICK TOWN

LOCATION: Midway between Wilmington and Southport on N.C. 133

COUNTY: Brunswick

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The Town of Brunswick, established in 1726, was burned by the British during the Revolution and was abandoned until Confederate soldiers erected Fort Anderson in 1862.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Ruins of St. Philip's Church Civil War earth works 60 building foundations (23 excavated)

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Nature trail, picnic tables

ACREAGE: 120

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1955

1987 VISITATION: 56,612

1987-88 BUDGET: \$124,949

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: Free

CASWELL-NEUSE

LOCATION: On U.S. 70 Business in Kinston

COUNTY: Lenoir

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Memorial to Richard Caswell, first governor of the independent State of North Carolina (1776); also on the site is the hull of the Confederate ironclad gun boat *Neuse* built in 1862-64.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Caswell Memorial
C.S.S. *Neuse* hull
Caswell family cemetery

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance building, Blacksmith shed

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, guided tours, weapon demonstrations, blacksmithing and rope making for groups

ACREAGE: 24

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1955

1987 VISITATION: 14,285

1987-88 BUDGET: \$121,596

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: Free

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN

LOCATION: In Sedalia, 14 miles east of Greensboro on U.S. 70

COUNTY: Guilford

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Site of Palmer Memorial Institute, a boarding school for black students established by Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown in 1902

HISTORIC FEATURES:

- Canary Cottage
- Kimball Hall (dining hall)
- Galen Stone Hall (dormitory)
- Tea House
- Charles Eliot Hall (dormitory)
- Science Building
- New boys' dormitory
- Several other cottages
- Bell Tower

VISITOR CENTER: (In Teacher's Cottage) Exhibits, Audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES:

VISITOR SERVICES:

ACREAGE: 40

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1987

1987 VISITATION: 1,164

1987-88 BUDGET: \$248,339

PERMANENT STAFF: 3

ADMISSION: Free

DUKE HOMESTEAD

LOCATION: Duke Homestead Road, 1 mile north of I-85

COUNTY:~ Durham

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The home (1852) and tobacco processing factories of Washington Duke. Duke began the first mechanical mass production of cigarettes. The Duke family eventually controlled the largest tobacco company in the world.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Duke House
Smokehouse
Well House
First Factory (reconstruction)
Third Factory
Packhouse
Curing Barn (moved to site)

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Manager's residence
Maintenance building
Springhouse
Artifacts storage (adjoins Visitor Center)

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, guided tours, farm life demonstrations

ACREAGE: 46

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1974

1987 VISITATION: 28,139

1987-88 BUDGET: \$132,028

PERMANENT STAFF: 5

ADMISSION: Free

ELIZABETH II

LOCATION: Manteo waterfront on U.S. 64

COUNTY: Dare

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Museum about life in the 16th century

HISTORIC FEATURES: *Elizabeth II* sailing vessel (reproduction)

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program, interpretative guides, outdoor displays
Note: The Outer Banks History Center, now under construction, will connect with the Visitor Center.

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Trails, guided tours, seasonal living history program

ACREAGE: 50

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1984

1987 VISITATION: 72,797

1987-88 BUDGET: \$354,749

PERMANENT STAFF: 6

ADMISSION: Adults \$3, Senior Citizens \$2, Children \$1.50 Groups of 10 or more receive \$.50 off regular admission price

FORT DOBBS

LOCATION: 2 miles north of Statesville on SR 1930 (off I-40)

COUNTY: Iredell

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Site of fort constructed in 1756 to protect frontier colonists during French and Indian War. Named in honor of the royal governor of North Carolina, Arthur Dobbs.

HISTORIC FEATURES:

VISITOR CENTER: Log structure serving as Visitor Center has exhibits.

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Manager's residence Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic shelter
Playground
Nature trail

ACREAGE: 33

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1969

1987 VISITATION: 8,035

1987-88 BUDGET: \$50,679

PERMANENT STAFF: 2

ADMISSION: Free

FORT FISHER

LOCATION: 20 miles south of Wilmington on U.S. 421

COUNTY: New Hanover

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The largest earthwork fortification in the Confederacy. The fort enabled Wilmington to be the last port open to supply Lee's army in Virginia (1865).

HISTORIC FEATURES: Earthworks (partially reconstructed)

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, nearby beach swimming, Guided tours (on timed schedule), weapon demonstrations

ACREAGE: 500

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1958

1987 VISITATION: 178,669

1987-88 BUDGET: \$137,081

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: Free

HISTORIC HALIFAX

LOCATION: In town of Halifax on U.S. 301

COUNTY: Halifax

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Important political, social, and commercial center of Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary northeastern North Carolina. Chartered in 1757.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Owens House
Eagle Tavern
Jail
Tap Room
Burgess House Sally-Billy House and Smokehouse
Clerk's Office
Ruins of Montfort House

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual programs

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance building
Storage building
Montfort Archeology Building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic area, amphitheater
(outdoor drama, *First for Freedom*)
Guided tours

ACREAGE: 40

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1965

1987 VISITATION: 23,879

1987-88 BUDGET: \$150,990

PERMANENT STAFF: 6

ADMISSION: Free

HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE

LOCATION: 14 miles west of Sanford on S.R. 1621

COUNTY: Moore

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Built around 1770 by Colonel Phillip Alston, it became the site of a skirmish between Whigs and Tories on August 5, 1781. In 1798 four-term governor, Benjamin Williams, purchased the house and the surrounding 2,500 acres.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Alston House
Loom House

VISITOR CENTER: Temporary Facility

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Manager's residence
Assistant's residence
Maintenance shed

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, guided tours, weapon demonstrations

ACREAGE: 13

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1971

1987 VISITATION: 19,293

1987-88 BUDGET: \$73,491

PERMANENT STAFF: 3

ADMISSION: Free

IREDELL HOUSE

LOCATION: On 107 East Church Street in Edenton

COUNTY: Chowan

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Home of James Iredell, George Washington appointee to the first U.S. Supreme Court. The house was built in 1759 and acquired by Iredell in 1778.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Iredell House
Kitchen
Carriage HouseBandon Schoolhouse
Ziegler House (on adjoining lot)
Privy

VISITOR CENTER: Barker House, visitor center for all of Historic Edenton, has audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES:

VISITOR SERVICES: Guided tours

ACREAGE: 1

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1951

1987 VISITATION: 25,292

1987-88 BUDGET: \$89,078

PERMANENT STAFF: 3

ADMISSION: Free

POLK MEMORIAL

LOCATION: In Pineville, 5 miles south of Charlotte on U.S. 521

COUNTY: Mecklenburg

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Memorial to James K. Polk, eleventh President of the United States, who was born at this location in 1795 and lived there until age 11.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Reconstructions:
House
Kitchen
Barn

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Manager's residence
Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, guided tours, farm life demonstrations

ACREAGE: 21

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1964

1987 VISITATION: 25,280

1987-88 BUDGET: \$105,278

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: Free

REED GOLD MINE

LOCATION: 12 miles southeast of Concord off S.R. 200 near U.S. 601

COUNTY: Cabarrus

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Site of the first authenticated gold find in the United States (1799)

HISTORIC FEATURES: Mine with 400 feet of restored tunnels
Stamp mill
Archaeological remains

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Manager's residence
Maintenance Building
Water and Sewerage System

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables
Panning area
History trail
Guided tours

ACREAGE: 823

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1971

1987 VISITATION: 76,015

1987-88 BUDGET: \$180,141

PERMANENT STAFF: 6

ADMISSION: Free (Panning Fee)

SOMERSET PLACE

LOCATION: 7 miles south of Creswell (U.S. 64) in Pettigrew State Park; off S.R. 1142 and 1160

COUNTY: Washington

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Antebellum plantation home built about 1830 by Josiah Collins, III. The original plantation had 100,000 acres of land adjoining Lake Phelps.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Collins Mansion
Colony House
Canal
Dairy
SmokehouseIce House
Kitchen - Laundry
Storehouse

VISITOR CENTER: Temporary Center in Colony House

SUPPORT STRUCTURES:

VISITOR SERVICES: Camping and picnic facilities inadjacent State Park, guided tours

ACREAGE: 7

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1967

1987 VISITATION: 11,193

1987-88 BUDGET: \$70,479

PERMANENT STAFF: 2

ADMISSION: Free

SPENCER SHOPS

LOCATION: In town of Spencer on U.S. 29-70

COUNTY: Rowan

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Once Southern Railway's central repair facility (1896-1950s)

HISTORIC FEATURES: Master Mechanic's Office
Back Shop
Storehouse No. 3
Flue Shop
Powerhouse
Round House
Paint Shop
Oil House
Radio Shop
Sand House
Wheel Balancing Shed
Barber Junction Station

VISITOR CENTER: (In Master Mechanic's office), exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES:

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, steam and diesel powered train rides

ACREAGE: 57

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1977

1987 VISITATION: 44,428

1987-88 BUDGET: \$162,666

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: Free

TOWN CREEK INDIAN MOUND

LOCATION: 5 miles southeast of Mt. Gilead on S.R. 1542 (1 mile off N.C. 731)

COUNTY: Montgomery

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Indian ceremonial center established in the fifteenth or sixteenth century.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Reconstructions:
Major Temple
Minor Temple
Burial House
Palisade

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Manager's residence
Maintenance building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic area, nature trail

ACREAGE: 56

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1937

1987 VISITATION: 34,347

1987-88 BUDGET: \$179,819

PERMANENT STAFF: 5

ADMISSION: Free

VANCE BIRTHPLACE

LOCATION: 5 miles east of Weaverville on Reems Creek Road off U.S. 19-23)

COUNTY: Buncombe

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Birthplace of Zebulon B. Vance (1830-1894), two term Governor of North Carolina and a U.S. Senator from 1879 to 1894.

HISTORIC FEATURES: All reconstructed or moved to site:
Vance House
Loom House
Slave Quarters
Tool Shed
Smoke House
Springhouse
Corn Crib

VISITOR CENTER: Exhibits, audiovisual program

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Maintenance Building

VISITOR SERVICES: Picnic tables, guided tours, farm life demonstrations

ACREAGE: 10

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1955

1987 VISITATION: 27,086

1987-88 BUDGET: \$111,859

PERMANENT STAFF: 3

ADMISSION: Free

THOMAS WOLFE MEMORIAL

LOCATION: In Asheville at 48 Spruce Street

COUNTY: Buncombe

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Childhood home of novelist Thomas Wolfe.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Wolfe boarding house
Playhouse in yard

VISITOR CENTER: New center funded by 1987 General Assembly.

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Bloomburg garage

VISITOR SERVICES: Guided tours

ACREAGE: .5

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1974

1987 VISITATION: 21,128

1987-88 BUDGET: \$104,760

PERMANENT STAFF: 4

ADMISSION: \$1 Adult, \$.50 Children

STAGVILLE PRESERVATION CENTER

LOCATION: 7 miles northeast of Durham off U.S. 501, Old Oxford Highway

COUNTY: Durham

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Antebellum plantation built by Richard Bennehan in the late 18th century

HISTORIC FEATURES: Bennehan House (1799)
4 Slave Quarters (1851)
Horton Cottage (1776)
Great Barn (1860)
Tobacco Barn (1930)
Cemetery (1812)
Stable (1930)
Ordering Pit (1930)

VISITOR CENTER: None

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Classroom Building

RECREATIONAL SERVICES: None

ACREAGE: 71.4

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1976

1987 VISITATION: An educational facility rather than visitor oriented site (3157)

1987-88 BUDGET: \$144,922

PERMANENT STAFF: 2

ADMISSION: Free

STATE CAPITOL

LOCATION: Raleigh

COUNTY: Wake

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Completed in 1840, it is the second capitol built in Raleigh.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Capitol building
Monuments

VISITOR CENTER: At 301 N. Blount Street

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: None

VISITOR SERVICES: Guided Tours

ACREAGE: Not quite 6 acres

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1976 as a site

1987 VISITATION: 132,184 (Capitol building only)

1987-88 BUDGET: \$284,163

PERMANENT STAFF: 10

ADMISSION: Free

- * Operated in conjunction with the Capitol Area Visitor Center – budget reflects both operations

TRYON PALACE

LOCATION: New Bern

COUNTY: Craven

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Tryon Palace and Wings (1770): Site of North Carolina's first colonial and state Capitol.

John Wright Stanly House (1783): Home of Revolutionary War patriot who helped finance General Greene's campaign.

Dixon-Stevenson House (1830): Home of early New Bern mayor and merchant/tailor.

New Bern Academy (1809): Present building completed 1809, replacing earlier Academy established 1764, used as a school until 1971.

HISTORIC FEATURES: Tryon Palace & East Wing (reconstruction)
West Wing
Dixon-Stevenson House and two dependencies
John Wright Stanly House and two gazebos
Jones House
Daves House
Disosway House
New Bern Academy
Commission House
Smoke House
Necessary Houses (2)
Dove Cote

VISITOR CENTER: Audiovisual programs, rotating exhibits, information

SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Greenhouse, Garden and Craft Shop, Crafts/Blacksmith Shop, Grounds/Carpenter Shop, Auditorium/Reception Center, Poultry House

VISITOR SERVICES: Guided tours and period demonstrations daily, drama tours, monthly garden workshops, symposia and public lectures, 6 special events, costumed interpreters, colonial skills tours

ACREAGE: 13

YEAR ESTABLISHED AS STATE SITE: 1959 (opened to the public)

1987 VISITATION: 74,201

1987-88 BUDGET: \$1,326,696

PERMANENT STAFF: 36

ADMISSION:

\$9 General Admission including 2 historic houses
(\$3 Garden, \$6 Palace)
\$3 Stanly House, \$3 Dixon-Stevenson House

Total Receipts in 1987 = \$380,256

SCHEDULE:

Open for tours every day of the year except Thanksgiving Day,
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

